(b) Contributions payable by employer as well as employees are to be remitted by the employer. The total amount of outstanding dues as on 31.03.2003 were Rs. 1,511.79 crore.

(c) and (d) An IT assisted monitoring system has already been implemented to detect the defaulters. As regards the recovery of arrears, besides regular penal actions as provided in the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the following steps have also been taken for recovery of outstanding dues:-

(i) Representations in courts have been strengthened to get stay orders vacated and counter writ-petitions.

(ii) A separate Directorate of Recovery to monitor and coordinate the recovery work including closer coordination with BIFR, Standing Counsel of the Organisation etc. has been set up recently.

EPF arrears

1045. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the arrears of EPF at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of companies involved, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to privatise EPF and Pension Fund and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any rules have been framed in this regard and workers have agreed to; and

(e) if not, the safeguards provided for safety of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) The total amount of arrears as on 31.10.2003 is Rs. 1962.08 crores and the region-wise break up is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) The number of major defaulters having default of Rs. 10 lakh and above, region-wise is also given at annexure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

Statement

State-wise details of arrears of EPF at present

Sl.No.	Name of the Region	PF arrears as on 31.10.2003 (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of establishment in default
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14601.47	105
2.	Bihar	5603.16	29
3.	Chhattisgarh	2112.55	7
4.	Delhi	2393.40	30
5.	Goa	311.67	5
6.	Gujarat	6017.90	99
7.	Haryana	6512.49	30
8.	Himachal Pradesh	523.81	6
9.	Jharkhand	15150.67	17
10.	Karnataka	9528.62	72
11.	Kerala	7812.74	118
12.	Madhya Pradesh	11231.44	67
13.	Maharashtra	26577.77	221
14.	North East Region	4756.83	34
15.	Orissa	10744.15	90
16.	Punjab	3920.91	47
17.	Rajasthan	4107.90	32
18.	Tamil Nadu	14982.61	185
19.	Uttaranchal	1462.27	28
20.	Uttar Pradesh	12772.37	151
21.	West Bengal	35083.73	144
	TOTAL	196208.26	1517

Educated unemployed youth

1046. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a large number of educated unemployed youth in the country particularly in Kerala;